

Scientist Spotlight on January 9

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Jeff Favorite: Getting your arms around area

Simple tips and tricks for sizing up two-dimensional shapes

We use the concept of area every day whether we're figuring out how much paint to buy or the displacement of the engine in our new car. Come by on Saturday, January 9 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and learn how computers figure out the area of irregular figures and use an ingenious device invented in the 19th century to measure areas mechanically. Appropriate for all ages.

Join us every second Saturday of the month for Scientist in the Spotlight, a program featuring scientists that have been certified for public outreach through the museum's Scientist Ambassador Academy. These scientists will talk with museum visitors for a couple of hours about their favorite science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) subject. Conversations are intended for all ages and include interactive hands-on activities that make learning easy and fun. [Learn more about the Scientist Ambassador academy.](#)

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